GROUNDED WINE COMPANY STEADY STATE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON/2016 NAPA VALLEY — CALIFORNIA

JOSH PHELPS - WINEMAKER

\$65.00

If a system is in a steady state, then the recently observed behavior of the system will continue into the future. Steady State pays homage to growing up in the Napa Valley and learning from its traditions. Also, being ready to disrupt them.

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season emerged from a winter with average rainfall, following four drought years. Spring was marked by good soil moisture and warm, dry weather, which minimized any risk of significant frost and ensured average crop yields. A seasonally warm summer slowed shoot growth, and harvest of our red Bordeaux varieties yielded fruit at ideal maturity, with ripe, rich tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Broodingly deep ruby in color, 2016 Steady State shows fragrant notes of cassis buds, ripe red and black cherries, as well as warm, complex aromas of blackberry bramble, wild rosemary and lavender. Intense and focused on the palate, the tannins are well-proportioned, lending elegance and charm throughout the long, aromatic finish. While drinkable upon release, this wine has the balance and structure to drink nicely for 8 to 10 years.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Grapes are harvested by hand from four Napa Valley appellations: a site in Oak Knoll, delivering small-berry clusters, which lend real elegance and polish. Our source in Oakville is adjacent to Silver Oak's vineyard and contributes richness and depth. Berries from a select site immediately west of Round Pond in Rutherford gives a classic earthiness, while a very special property in west St. Helena, near Beckstoffer's Dr. Krane contributes balance and finesse.

COMPOSITION

86%Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 0.5% Malbec, 0.5% Merlot

BARREL REGIME

18 months in 100% French oak barrels (40% new)

GWCo

Founded by winemaker Josh Phelps, Grounded Wine Co. is an all American, grassroots brand that strips back the layers to focus on what's in the bottle.

CASE COUNT: 2,400 CASES

ALC. BY VOL. 14.5%

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